

Reedsburg Police Department

Annual Report



2010

Timothy M. Becker
Chief of Police

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Sworn Police Staff

Officer	Primary Assignment	Unit
Chief Timothy M. Becker	Administration	100
Lieutenant Garry Zellmer	Detective Bureau Commander	107
Sergeant Darrin Frye	A Shift Commander	115
Sergeant Andrew Foesch	B Shift Commander	126
Sergeant Patrick Cummings	C Shift Commander	128
Detective Andrew Stelter	Detective Bureau	127
Officer Bernard Jernander	Patrol	103
Officer Peggy Porter	Patrol	111
Officer Scott Peterson	School Resource Officer	112
Officer Patrick Hoekstra	Patrol	125
Officer Richard Wolf	Patrol	129
Officer Timothy Knuth	Patrol	130
Officer Summer Geffert	Patrol	134
Officer Martin Pugh	Patrol	135
Officer Jesse Spears	Patrol	136
Officer Mark Eberle	Patrol	137
Officer Jon Schaefer	Patrol	139
Officer Will Botten	Patrol	140
Officer Kyle Mueller	Patrol	141
Vacant	Patrol	142

Police Fleet - 1961



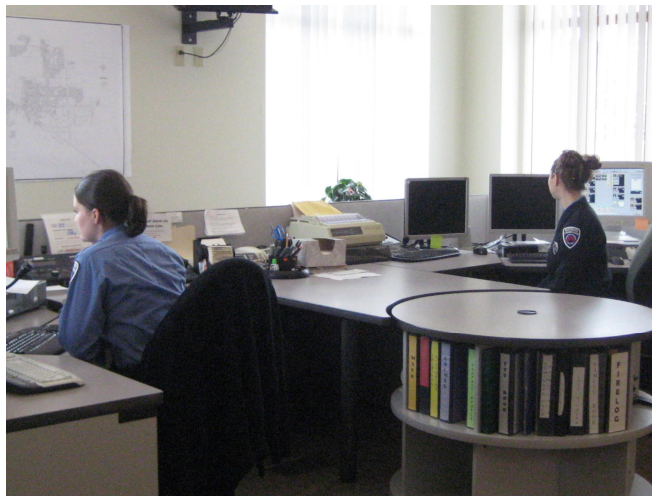
Civilian Police Staff

Communication Center:

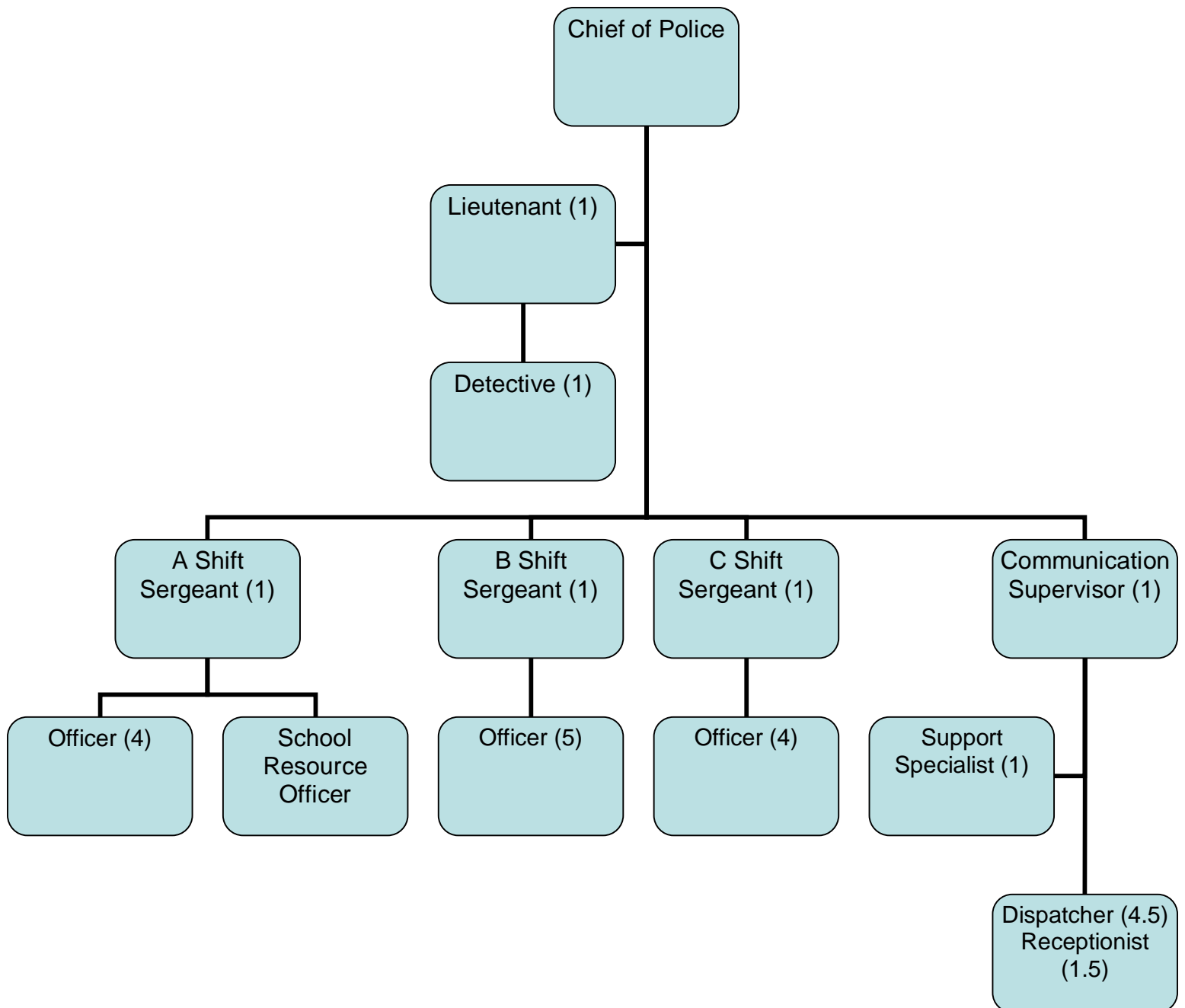
Chris Blood	Supervisor	502
Amber Hoefs	Civilian Support Specialist	511
Diane Fry	Operator	520
Lynn Petersen	Operator	521
Dori Helm	Operator	522
Kimberly Hoekstra	Operator	523
Amy Breidenbach	Operator	524
Elena Weber	Operator	525
Erik Knoll	Operator	513
Edward Pohlman III	Operator	519

Chaplains:

Pastor Benjamin Seamans	Police Chaplain	701
Pastor Scott Buhrow	Police Chaplain	700



Organization Chart



A Message from the Chief

Honorable David Estes,
Mayor of the City of Reedsburg
Members of the Common Council,



On behalf of the men and women of the Reedsburg Police Department, it is an honor to submit to you the 2010 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

With 2010 coming to a close, it's important to reflect on our progress and challenges experienced the past year.

The police department has had a year marked by personnel change. Sgt. Tom Peters, a 20-year veteran, retired in January 2010. Sgt. Peters had commanded the day shift and was replaced by Sgt. Darrin Frye. Officer John Trago, an 18 year veteran, also retired in November 2010 after a lengthy leave. Officer Trago had been assigned to the detective bureau prior to being assigned to day shift patrol.

Based on our retirements, and two officers on extended maternity leave, the police department worked the majority of 2010 short-staffed. This resulted in fewer traffic citations and an increase of 50% in traffic accidents. Now that the department is again full-strength greater attention can be focused on traffic enforcement.

The police department is also charged with enforcing the City's Sexual Offender Residency ordinance. Although this ordinance is controversial, it has resulted in a reduction of 13 registered sex offenders living in the city limits and two citations being issued for violations.

The department also issued six narcotics search warrants in 2010.

The department began issuing vehicle registrations through the reception area in 2009. In 2010 the reception center received over \$287,000. Nearly \$30,000 of that was revenue to be deposited into the general fund.

I would like to thank the Mayor, the Common Council, and the Police and Fire Commission for their support and I am pleased to present the 2010 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

Chief Timothy M. Becker

The Year in Reviewí

This is a sampling of the issues faced by the Reedsburg Police Department in 2010:

- Criminal Clearance Rate rose from (2009) 78% to (2010) 80%.
- Calls for Service decreased from (2009) 12,857 to (2010) 11,978.
- Total activity decreased 3.8%.
- Adult and Juvenile arrests decreased 11.54%.
- Traffic complaints/citations decreased 25%.
- Traffic Accidents increased 50%.
- Reedsburg Police arrested 86 drunk drivers.
- Cleared 100% of all sexual (6/6) and physical assaults (29/29).
- DOT Registrations added revenue through Reception area.

Patrol Calls by Shift

A ó Shift:



A-Shift, or Dayshift, is commanded by Sgt. Darrin Frye. Sgt. Frye oversees the patrol officers on this shift as well as the School Resource Officer. A-Shift responded to 3,538 calls for service.

B ó Shift:



B-Shift is often the busiest shift and has the most officers assigned to it for that reason. Sgt. Andy Foesch commands the B-Shift. Sgt. Foesch is responsible for supervising the patrol officers as well as the department's detective. B-Shift responded to 5,419 calls for service in 2010.

C-Shift:



Sgt. Patrick Cummings commands the C-Shift, which can often be the most volatile of the shifts. C-Shift is often known as night-shift. Sgt. Cummings performs functions such as tavern checks and business checks. In addition to these responsibilities, Sgt. Cummings supervises the patrol officers assigned to his shift. C-Shift responded to 3,021 calls for service.

Detective Bureau

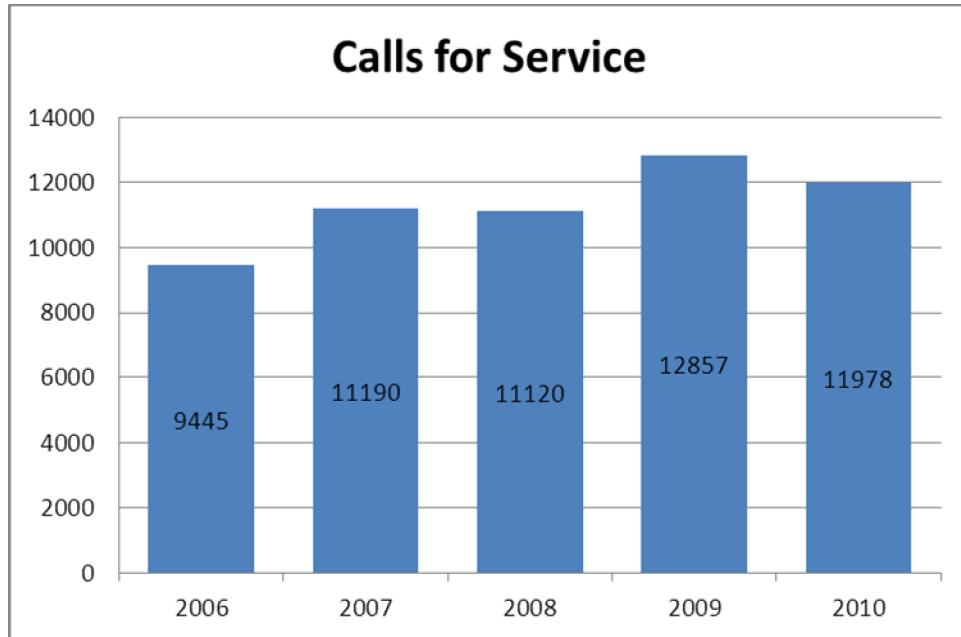
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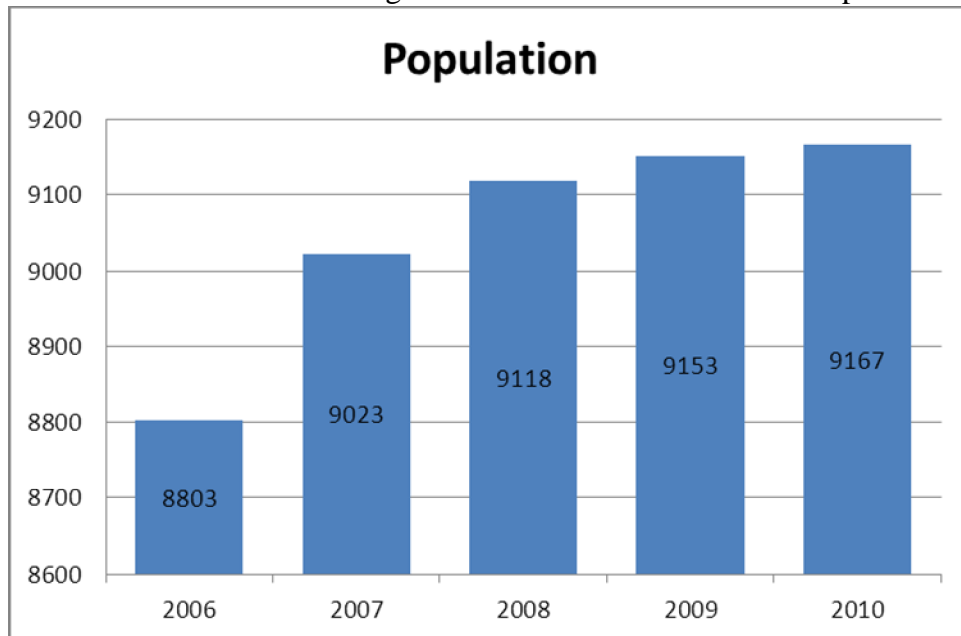
Lt. Garry Zellmer commands the Detective Bureau and is responsible for follow-up investigations. Lt. Zellmer and Detective Andy Stelter are assigned cases that are too lengthy and complex for general patrol officers to handle. Using these investigators frees up patrol to handle in-progress calls. In 2010, the Detective Bureau was assigned 748 investigations. These investigations range from petty theft to narcotics to death investigations.



Calls for Serviceí

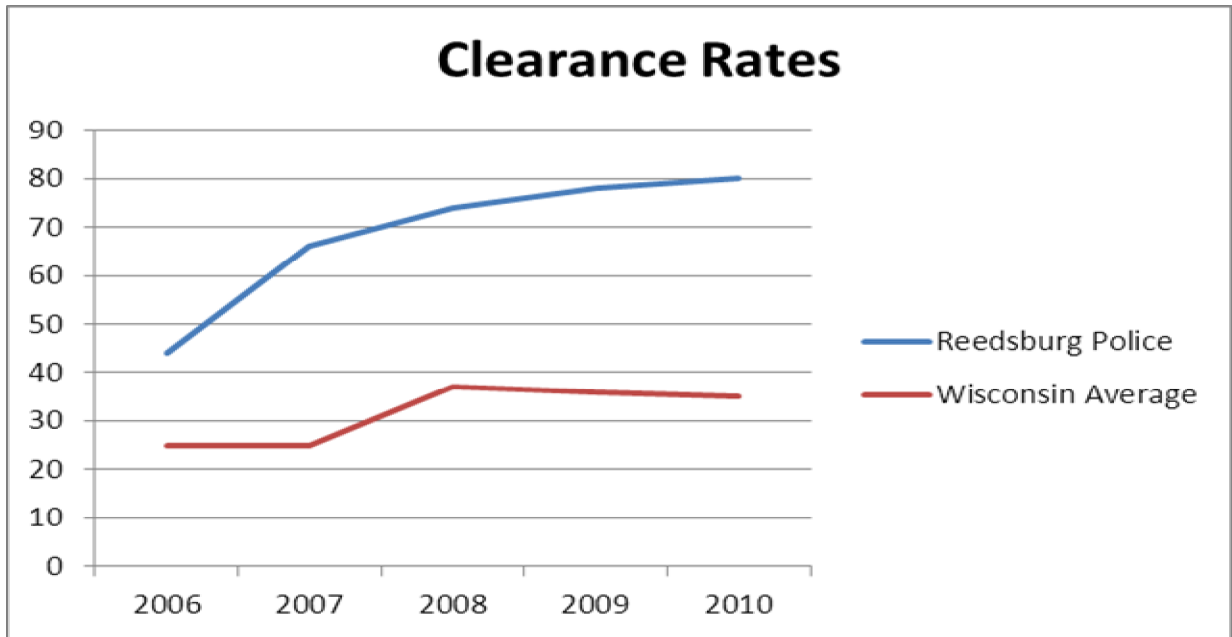


The Police Department realized a decrease in calls for service from 2009 to 2010. In 2009, calls for service averaged 642 per sworn position. In 2010 the calls for service averaged 665 calls per sworn position based on our manpower shortage, which is the highest amount since records were kept.



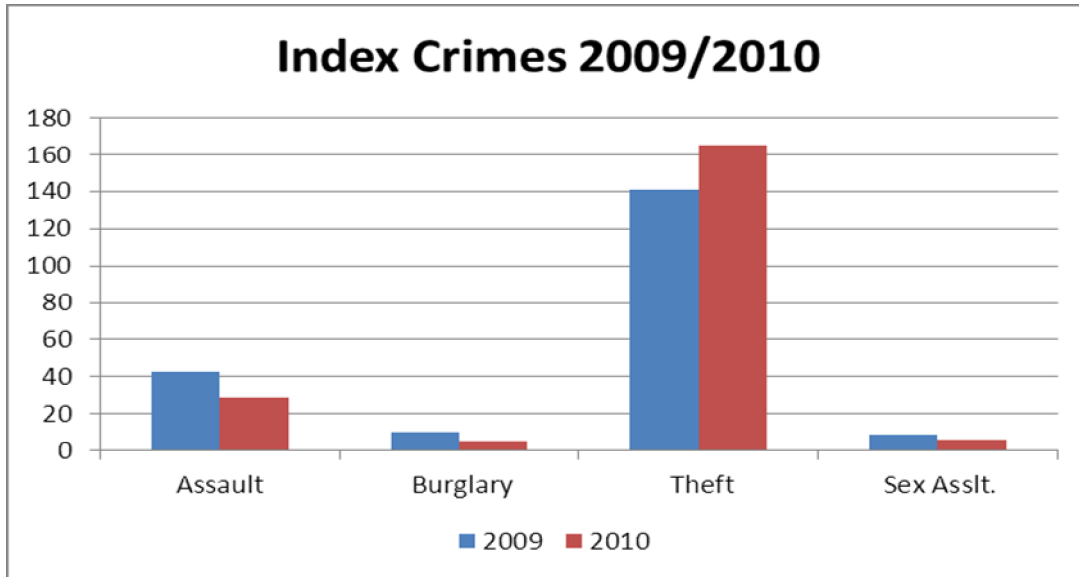
The City of Reedsburg continues its reign as the fastest growing community in Sauk County. With increased population come needs for law enforcement services.

Clearance Rates

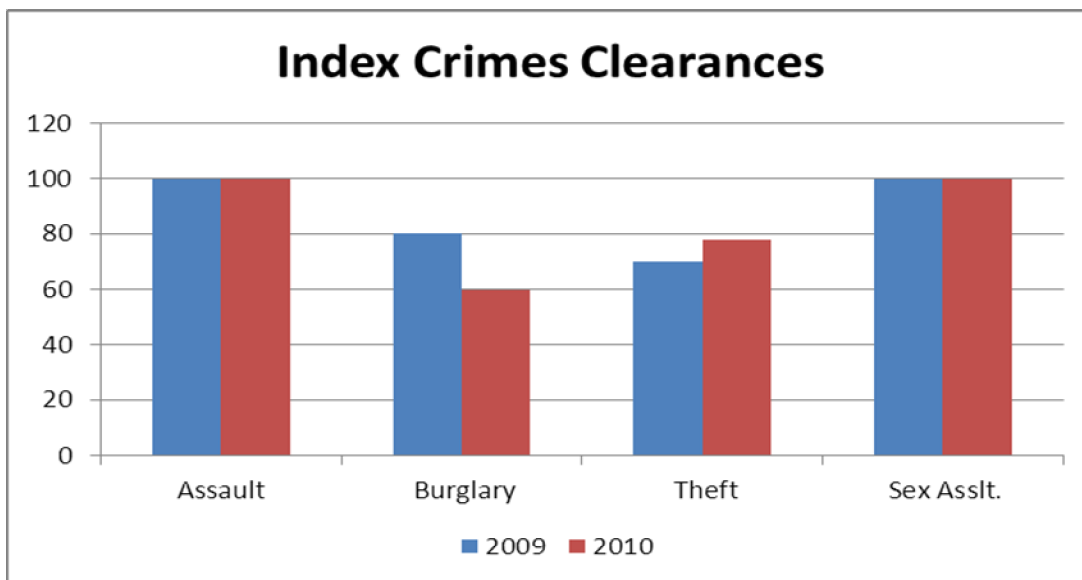


It is often very difficult to prevent all crimes. An important part of law enforcement is holding those committing crimes responsible for their actions. The Reedsburg Police Department is consistently outpacing the Wisconsin average for crime clearances. An illustration of that are our officers solving a staggering 80% of criminal offenses. This is far beyond the State of Wisconsin's average clearance rate.

Index Crimes



Index crimes are described as the most serious of crimes and Reedsburg has had a clearance rate increase in all categories. It is often very difficult to be proactive enough to prevent crime from occurring. As illustrated, the Reedsburg Police Department does hold those criminals accountable for the most serious crimes committed.



Crime and Arrests



Arrests and	Arrests and	Year to	Year to	Change
Arrests and	Year to	Year to	% Change	
Apprehensions	Date 2010	Date 2009	09 to 10	

ADULT

Burglary	2	7	-71.43%
Narcotics	67	71	-5.63%
Theft	160	119	34.45%
Criminal Damage	25	42	-40.48%
Weapons Violations	11	3	266.67%
Battery	26	39	-33.33%
Warrants	92	126	-26.98%
Disorderly Conduct	127	133	-4.51%
Liquor Law Violation	66	62	6.45%
Obstructing an Officer	47	42	11.90%
Worthless Checks	210	251	-16.33%
Trespass	5	5	0.00%
Miscellaneous	132	115	14.78%
TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS	970	1015	-4.43%

JUVENILE

Recovered Runaway	19	44	-56.82%
Curfew Violations	81	87	-6.90%
Theft	50	39	28.21%
Disorderly Conduct	29	55	-47.27%
Truancy	30	48	-37.50%
Smoking Violation	24	43	-44.19%
Vandalism	10	11	-9.09%
Weapons Violations	0	1	-100.00%
Liquor Law Violations	15	42	-64.29%
Trespassing	0	0	#DIV/0!
Obstructing an Officer	0	0	#DIV/0!
Narcotics	4	11	-63.64%
Burglary	0	8	-100.00%
Battery	4	15	-73.33%
Miscellaneous	37	20	85.00%
TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS	303	424	-28.54%

TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS

1273 1439 -11.54%

Statistics

Use of Force Incidents:

Date	Time	Charge	Method	Alcohol
02/21/10	01:55	Fleeing, OWI	Firearm	Yes
04/08/10	02:28	OWI 2 nd , Resisting	OC Spray	Yes
04/23/10	15:31	DC, Resisting	Physical	No
05/20/10	16:20	DC, Resisting	Physical	Yes
05/29/10	03:01	Resisting/Obstructing	Physical	Yes
06/20/10	17:18	Resisting, Open Intoxicants	Physical	Yes
07/09/10	21:09	Battery to LE, DC, CDTP, Resisting	Physical	Yes
7/11/10	06:20	Resisting/Obstructing	Physical	Yes
09/04/10	01:57	DC	Taser	Yes
11/12/10	21:14	Substantial Battery, DC, Resisting	Physical	Yes
12/15/10	10:30	Battery to LE, DC, Resisting	Taser	Yes

*Physical means empty hands techniques were used to overpower the resistive behavior. Force beyond that was not necessary.

Other Agency Assists:

Reedsburg Police Department has assisted other law enforcement agencies a total of 423 times in 2010 as compared to 419 in 2009. The Police Department is honored to assist outside agencies and frequently requests assistance from those same agencies.

Traffic Enforcement/Accidents:

The Reedsburg Police Department participated in three Wisconsin traffic programs in 2010. These programs concentrated on OWI and Seatbelt violations. Even though we participated in these non-funded traffic concentrations, our traffic numbers still decreased and accidents increased. This is directly related to our manpower shortage. Reducing traffic accidents is a high priority and this is an area that still needs to be concentrated on in 2011.

In appreciation of our voluntary participation in these programs, the Police Department was awarded a \$4,000 equipment grant from the Department of Transportation.

Emergency Detention/Transports:

Emergency detentions are used when a subject is either mentally ill and in need of hospitalization or a subject is incapacitated by alcohol. These cases are normally triaged at Reedsburg Area Medical Center and then it is the Police Department's responsibility to transport them to a specialized hospital. Normally, these transports are made to Madison but occasionally they are made to Winnebago County. These cases not only take several hours to triage, the transports are becoming extremely more time consuming. The transports require the use of two personnel to complete safely. The Reedsburg Police Department made 75 transports in 2010.